

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

on Closure of Disposal Site at Camp Navajo

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: The National Guard Bureau (NGB) invites the public to comment on a decision document that provides a determination of no action and response complete under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), The National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) and the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) for the Navajo Army Depot (NAAD) E76 Site on the Camp Navajo Installation. This document provides information about the completed investigations that form the basis for the decision. The decision document was prepared by the NGB in coordination with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

NAAD E76 is in the central portion of the Open Burn/Open Detonation Area at Camp Navajo, in Bellemont, Arizona. In 1991 NAAD E76 was identified as a possible mustard round burial site during an interview with a former Camp Navajo employee. Subsequent assessments involving searches of records and interviews with other former Demolition Area employees have not corroborated this claim or identified any additional incidents involving mustard rounds. Multiple investigations of NAAD E76 and the surrounding areas have identified no additional mustard bombs or associated chemical contamination.

The possible presence of buried mustard bombs at NAAD E76 was based solely on the recollection of second-hand information from one former employee. Since no mustard bombs were found and no other historical activities were documented at this site, NGB has determined that no action is needed under CERCLA and the NCP. The site is considered response completed under the IRP. The ADEQ has been involved with the investigation process and is currently reviewing the decision document for final regulatory concurrence.

A 30-day public comment period begins **October 2, 2006** and ends **November 1, 2006**. The decision document is available for public review at the Northern Arizona University Cline Library Special Collections, Knoles Drive, Building 28, or available for electronic viewing on the following public website:

<http://www.CampNavajoEnvironmental.org>

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